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TRANSLATOR, AND IP NETWORK COUPLING METHOD THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 8-25 as follows:

-- ~~8.~~ A method rendering communications between first and second devices, said  
first device using a first protocol using an address of a first length, and said second protocol  
using an address of a second length, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving from said first device a first packet having a first header including a  
first address of said first length correlated with said second device as a destination address;

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